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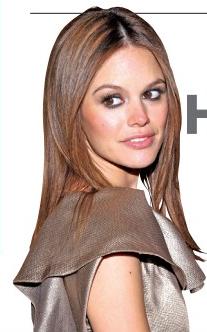
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JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

U.S. President Barack Obama walks past an RCMP honour guard after arriving Thursday in Ottawa. Obama's visit was his first trip outside the U.S. since becoming president. **More coverage, pages 2-4.**

Obama stops at ByWard for ObamaTail

SOUVENIRS After meeting with the prime minister, U.S. President Barack Obama made a quick stop in Ottawa's ByWard Market Thursday where he bought a BeaverTail, some cookies from a French bakery and looked for a snow globe to bring back to the White House.

Those who work at the BeaverTails hut in the ByWard Market told CTV Ottawa one of Obama's security personnel came up to the hut and asked if one of the employees could serve the president an ObamaTail, a winter treat designed specifically to honour the American president.

Employee Jessica Milien, who was selected because she's a big Obama fan, served Obama his dessert and explained that the ObamaTail is dressed with the classic BeaverTail cinnamon and sugar flavour, topped with maple flavoured eyes and a Nutella "O" for "Obama."

"This is the most exciting day of my life," Milien told CTV Ottawa Thursday afternoon. "We started talking and he was such a down-to-earth guy, it didn't even feel like I was talking to the president of the United States."

That sentiment was shared by employees who work at Le Moulin de Provence, a local French bakery where the president picked up maple leaf-shaped cookies for his daughters, free of charge.

"He walked right in front of us and we asked him if we could have a picture with him, and he said yes. And he shook our hands and he was saying how nice it was to meet us," said employee Isabelle Corriveau. "It was a total surprise." **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

'I love this country'

Obama refreshes Canada-U.S. relations in lightning visit

Obama's Visit

Barack Obama swept aside eight years of jangled Canadian nerves and cross-border tensions Thursday, singling out his northern neighbour as the first choice for a new American partnership with the world.

In a lightning visit designed to turn a fresh page in Canada-U.S. relations and tamp down trade worries, Obama made all the right sounds, including a declaration that "I love this country and think that we could not have a better friend and ally."

It was consummate Obama — a charm offensive the likes of which Ottawa has seldom, if ever, seen. And it

was reciprocated, from the rock-star welcome for his motorcade to the thrilled cheers of those who witnessed the president's unscheduled hunt for souvenirs in the capital's ByWard Market.

The day was a triumph, too, for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who found his level with Obama in an expansive question-and-answer session with journalists, the only unscripted moment of a carefully scheduled day.

Despite big differences in philosophy and style, Oba-

ma and Harper presented a common front on issues as varied as the war in Afghanistan, reversing the recession and pushing back the hot-button issue of trade protectionism.

Together, they announced a "clean energy dialogue" aimed at finding technological answers to the twin environmental dilemmas of Alberta oil-sands and American coal.

Obama called the development of clean energy, "one of the most pressing challenges of our time" but also conceded there were no "silver bullets."

Tone triumphed over substance yesterday as Obama

used the first foreign trip of his presidency to broadcast to Canada and the world his clear intention to "work with friends and partners to meet the common challenges of our time."

"The United States is once again ready to lead, but strong leadership depends on strong alliances and strong alliances depend on constant renewal ... That's the work that we've begun here today," Obama told a news conference.

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Local

Hundreds of high-tech workers are expected to attend this year's Winter Job Fair Barbeque, held at 359 Terry Fox Dr. Tuesday. The fair, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., allows participants to meet recruiters, network and market their skills, talents and business ideas. METRO OTTAWA



Winterlude family fun

In collaboration with Winterlude, La Cité collégiale's police foundations program invites families to participate in their Winter Fun and Games event at 801 Aviation Pkwy., Saturday and Sunday. All activities are free and the proceeds of food sales will be used to offset costs for policing students while volunteering in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

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Thousands greet Obama

People pack Parliament Hill to catch a glimpse of president

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Crowds of energetic supporters of U.S. President Barack Obama began gathering on Parliament Hill and along Wellington Street at around 10 a.m. Thursday morning.

As people waited, some made snowmen on the lawn and chanted "Yes, we can!" or "Yes, we will!" while groups of police officers watched from the rooftops.

A little after 10:30 a.m., someone in the crowd announced that the president's plane had landed and a cheer went up among the hundreds pressed against the security fence at the foot of the steps leading up to the Parliament Buildings.

At 11:45 a.m. Obama's motorcade, around a dozen black cars and SUVs followed by a half a dozen vans, and two ambulances, entered through the east gate on Parliament Hill, circled behind the East Block, then came to a stop under the Peace Tower.

With the bells ringing and a couple of helicopters circling overhead, the president stepped out of his vehicle and briefly waved, from beneath the tower arches, to the crowds gathered on the lawn of Parliament Hill,

Obama's Visit

sending them into a frenzy.

"I saw someone waving in the middle door and I wasn't even sure it was him, but then everyone started screaming," said Ottawa resident Pearly Bhuller, who waited since before 10 a.m., "It's crazy. I can't believe I saw him. I keep saying as a joke that I'm going to tell my kids I saw him."

Michel Pettigrew and Vicky Macchioni came in from Montreal just to go to Parliament Hill.

"It's more for him to see us than for us to see him," Pettigrew said. "There's a lot of people cheering and welcoming. It's a different welcoming than George Bush would have received."

Macchioni, an American who voted for Obama, said his election has changed the way she feels about her country while travelling abroad.

"It's been hard sometimes to be an American in another country with George Bush as the president," she said. "I feel like I can wear an American flag on my backpack and not have to feel weird about it. (Obama) is offering real change for the United States and possibilities for the whole world."



Holding a sign reading "Change? Bring it on," Shilan Teheri joined 3,000 others hoping to catch a glimpse of U.S. President Barack Obama on Parliament Hill Thursday.

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Check out ER wait times online

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HOSPITALS The Ottawa Hospital announced the launch of the Emergency Department Reporting System at www.ontariowaittimes.com Thursday.

Together with provincial initiatives including the Wait Times Strategy, the Aging at Home Strategy, Tele-Health and Health-Care Connect, the program should help strengthen Ottawa's emergency wait time performance, while tracking its progress, said hospital CEO Dr. Jack Kitts.

The Ottawa Hospital compares favourably with the 13 adult teaching hospital sites in Ontario that constitute its peer group.

Dr. Jack Kitts, Ottawa Hospital CEO

"The Ottawa Hospital compares favourably with the 13 adult teaching hospital sites in Ontario that constitute its peer group," said Kitts.

But while the General campus has the lowest emergency department length of stay for high-risk emergencies, the hospital continues to face challenges, including the second-highest number of pa-

tients with high-risk emergencies in the province.

"There is no doubt that our focus on treating the sickest, most vulnerable patients puts significant pressure on our ability to treat less vulnerable patients more promptly," said Kitts. "It does not, however, mean that our patients get anything short of the best available care."

Expats 'ecstatic' for Obama visit

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AMERICANS While it seemed that all of Ottawa was caught up in Obama-mania Thursday, the day was extra special for Americans living in the nation's capital.

"We're ecstatic that he was elected president, and that he's here," said New York native and Ottawa resident Larry Rousseau, who organized the Canadians for Obama Rally at the First Baptist Church.

"This is a celebration, It's really to partake in the spirit of President Obama."

Larry Rousseau, New York native

Two black leaders together — it was powerful. I was moved to tears."

Following the rally, the group walked down to the Human Rights Monument on Elgin Street and then to the Laurier Bridge in a display of unity, Rousseau said.

"I think this is a wonderful day for Canada," Democrats Abroad Canada chairwoman Adrienne Jones said. "For the last eight years, we had an administration that ignored Canada."

Canada's relationship with the United States is "an incredibly important one," said Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar.

Dewar said Obama has reminded people "of the change that can happen."

Teenager charged with robbery

CRIME An Ottawa man is facing criminal charges in relation to a robbery/stabbing incident that occurred on Woodridge Crescent last week.

At about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, Ottawa police responded to a reported robbery/double stabbing in the Woodridge Crescent neighbourhood.

Two men, both in their late teens, suffered stab wounds and were hospitalized.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Acorn celebrates cotton anniversary

Ottawa Acorn is celebrating its second anniversary with its annual reception Friday. The group is holding its meeting at the CUPE Union Hall, 1505 Carling Ave. from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Acorn was created in June 2004 with the goal of championing the interests of Canada's low- and moderate-income urban communities. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Winterlude weekend full of fun

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terlude sites.

There will be on-site live commentary at Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques Cartier Park.

The Canada Aviation Museum kicks off a full year of Centennial of Flight celebrations Sunday with Silver Dart Day, which features a variety of workshops such as make-and-take crafts for different ages, as well as demonstrations and guided tours.

Other than the flight celebration, the American Ex-

FESTIVAL The 100th anniversary of the first powered flight in Canada will be one of the highlights as the curtain goes down on the 31st annual Winterlude.

From 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, visitors will enjoy the sights and sounds of more than 20 vintage aircraft, as they fly the length of the Rideau Canal Skateway and over other Win-

Ottawa
Winterlude '09

press Snowbowl will be the venue for a variety of performers.

On Friday, Quebec singer-songwriter Ariane Moffatt performs a mixture of electro-folk, jazz, pop and roots music at 7 p.m., while Toronto R&B performer Jilly Black takes the stage on Saturday at 7 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, visitors can enjoy Ukuik, a sound and light show at the American Express Snowbowl at 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the public ice-carving challenge takes place at the Crystal Garden at Confederation Park starting at 11:30 a.m. At Dow's Lake, visitors are invited to join members of Scouts Canada in a variety of family games, such as soccer on the snow, mini golf, sled races and rock-

paper-scissors.

On Sunday, hundreds of runners will race distances from 2.5 to 42.2 kilometres at the Canadian War Museum for the Winterman Marathon, while the public bids farewell to the Ice Hogs at the Amphitheatre.

This year's Winterlude was plagued with warm weather earlier in the festivities, but enjoyed large attendance numbers both previous weekends. The festival attracts 650,000 people annually.

Housing starts look to be strong in 2009

ECONOMY Due to a tight resale market, Ottawa is among a handful of communities in Ontario expected to enjoy greater housing starts stability in 2009, a first-quarter housing market outlook from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation stated Thursday.

A slowing economy is expected to force housing prices down by 3.5 per cent in 2009 and by one per cent in 2010, with housing starts expected to slow to between 50,000 and 60,000 units this year before picking up modestly in 2010.

A shift in demand to more modestly priced ownership and rental housing will spur construction activity in Ottawa, Toronto, and Barrie. **METRO OTTAWA**

Obama's Visit **Yucking it up with the Governor General**



U.S. President Barack Obama talks with Canadian Gov. Gen. Michaelle Jean Thursday after arriving in Ottawa. Obama's visit to Canada's capital was his first trip outside the U.S. since becoming president.

Deadline for transit refunds is Saturday

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PASSES Feb. 21 is the deadline for full refunds on December bus passes, and while the city encourages pass holders to take advantage of post-strike incentives, pass holders would be better off lining up for refunds, a transit rider said.

As part of the incentive program to get riders back on the buses, OC Transpo is offering free transit until the end of February and then 60 per cent off the March pass. It would cost \$32.40.

The combined cost for a December and March regular adult pass comes to \$113.40.

But, as alert transit rider Chris Siu pointed out Thursday, getting a full refund on the December pass (\$81), paying half-price fare until the end of the month (\$10), then buying a March pass for full price results in a savings of \$21.60 for passengers.

"That's supposed to welcome us back? It's maddening," said Siu.

"I'm glad in a way that the union wants to do their scheduling. I can see between management and council they really can't figure things out. If it were left up to them, the buses would never get out of the garage."

On principle, Siu got a refund on Feb. 14, then the date was pushed back a week, so she went back and got her pass back and she's planning to get back in line on Feb. 21 to get another refund.

Developers may lose downtown fee exemption

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PLANNING An exemption for development charges that could be partly responsible for a boom in downtown Ottawa may be disappearing within the next couple of years.

As part of a new develop-

ment charge bylaw required by July 2009, city staff are recommending that non-profit housing and contaminated land be exempt from charges.

Churches, schools, retirement lots and non-profit health care facilities would still be exempt.

Coun. Marianne Wilkinson suggested Thursday that

the exemption for downtown development charges should be lifted even sooner, because the exemption only resulted in inflated land values.

"The owners of the land got a bonanza, while the city didn't (get) the money to do the infrastructure," she said.

Wilkinson said it doesn't make sense to postpone col-

lecting development charges when the infrastructure they would pay for is what is holding up further development.

Development charges are collected to cover the city's cost for building new services (roads, sewers) to new developments.

Community Sustainability Services Branch director Rob

Mackay warned council has to tread the fine line between raising charges too high and discouraging growth and setting them too low and costing the city.

The city's planning and environment committee discusses policy framework for a study into the new development charge bylaw next week.

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Olympic security expected to cost \$900M
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Canada



Orca population up in B.C.

Two baby killer whales have been spotted off the southern coast of Vancouver Island bringing the population to 85. Although it's unusual to see the whales in the area this time of year it's believed that fewer salmon in California forced them into northern waters.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

A greener NAFTA?

Obama hopes to add environmental, labour standards

Obama's Visit

U.S. President Barack Obama said Thursday he wanted to begin talks to add enforceable labour and environmental provisions to the North American Free Trade Agreement without disrupting trade.

"My hope is as our advisers and staffs and economic teams work this through that there's a way of doing this that is not disruptive to the extraordinarily important trade relationship that exists between the United States and Canada," Obama

"My hope is ... that there's a way of doing this that is not disruptive to the extraordinarily important trade relationship."

U.S. President Barack Obama

said at a joint news conference in Ottawa with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Obama promised during last year's presidential campaign to "fix" NAFTA by adding enforceable labour and environmental provisions to the core of the pact and by changing an investment measure that critics say gives business too much

power to challenge government regulations.

That raised concerns in both Canada and Mexico about the future of the pact, which has been in force for 15 years.

Although NAFTA already has labour and environmental provisions, those are contained in separate "side" agreements rather in the core text.

REUTERS

Obama in brief

SECURITY There were almost as many police officers in Ottawa Thursday as adoring fans on Parliament Hill. If officers weren't on the ground blocking traffic or wandering the

perimeters of the Hill or airport, they were on rooftops with sniper rifles and binoculars. RCMP and Ottawa police promised a level of security rarely seen before for U.S. President

Barack Obama's visit and they delivered. "We executed our plan quite nicely," said Supt. Charles Bordeleau of the Ottawa police.

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Unique plan to snap out of economic slump

Riding the Recession

FREE An independent Vancouver businesswoman has put in motion a unique plan to snap out of the global economic slump.

Daniela Ciuffa, a wedding photographer, is giving away about \$30,000 worth of services after teaming up with a wedding planner and several vendors.



"Compared to the same time last year, business is down about 20 to 30 per cent," Ciuffa said. "People are putting (their weddings) off for another year so they have longer to save."

Dan Kelly, the Calgary-based senior vice-president of legislative affairs with

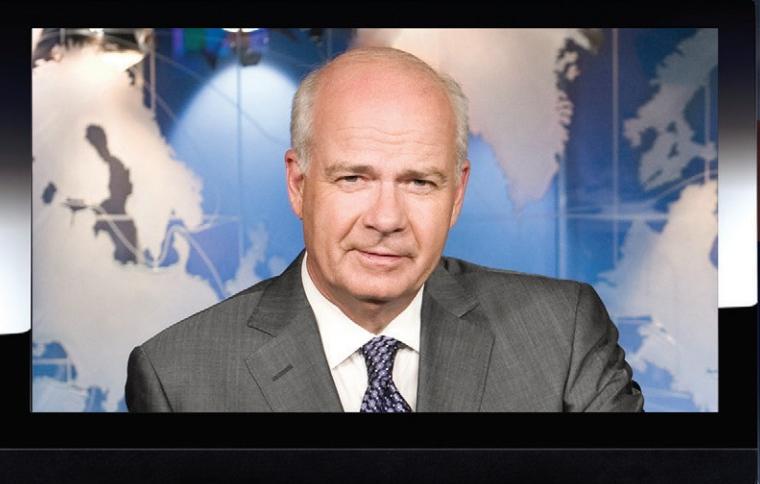
the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, said there has been a significant erosion in small business confidence.

"Forty-six per cent of our members are predicting a weaker performance in the 12 months ahead," he said.

Ciuffa said she initially thought of the promotion as a way to give back to the community. When clients began to delay their weddings, it became a necessity.

Kelly said discounting and giveaways are effective in attracting clients, and cutting the marketing budget to save money is not a good idea.

"That can often be a terrible thing to do," he said. "We advise our members to look for low-cost marketing alternatives like Facebook."



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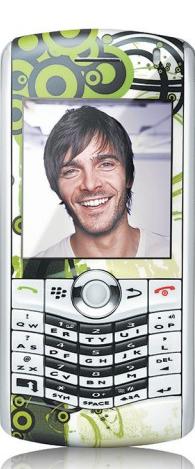
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Expensive premiums don't pay off

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Wendy Mesley

Banging headlines make it hard to miss. Canadians are losing their jobs and credit is hard to come by. So don't be surprised if your bank or even your favourite retail chain

starts pitching you the need to protect yourself.

They're selling something called credit balance insurance. It's supposed to protect you in case of illness or death, or if you lose your job it promises to cover your credit card payments.

But after doing some math we started to wonder whose balance they're really trying to protect.

The cost of balance insurance can really add up. The average price is about one dollar for every \$100 you spend a month. So when you've got \$2,000 on your

plastic, you're forking over \$20 a month for insurance alone.

Insurance expert Jim Bullock says these expensive premiums don't pay off in the end, because if you lose your job, the insurance only covers your minimum monthly payment, which is usually less than three per cent of your balance.

What's worse is how many people claim this insurance is added to their accounts without their knowledge.

Jodie Lightfoot, 27, has been unknowingly paying

for this insurance on her RBC Visa for years, to the tune of \$1,839.

She claims her bank didn't ask her if she wanted this insurance. When she disputed the charges, they gave her a full refund.

We commissioned an EKOS poll and found that a quarter of the respondents either didn't know they had it or didn't know it was optional, and fully half didn't understand how it worked.

In the United Kingdom there were so many complaints about this insurance the government investigated

and fined lenders millions of pounds for inappropriate sales techniques. There's even a new ban in the U.K. against selling this insurance with credit card applications.

While Canadian banks do have their own rules about selling insurance and fully disclosing credit card charges, statistics from the government's consumer watchdog show the rules aren't always being followed.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) has heard from almost 260

Canadians complaining about this insurance. The most common complaint is that it is added to people's cards without their consent. But so far there has been no crackdown on the banks or retail chains.

After we showed FCAC how some people feel they've been misled about this insurance, they promised to look into it.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.

Views

Free speech thrown under the bus

UrbanCompass



Steve Collins

You could, after the asinine spectacle of the transit strike, be forgiven for lowering your expectations of intellectual honesty or even coherence from OC Transpo or Ottawa city council. Still, if the prissy, parochial flap

over the atheist bus campaign has you cringing with fresh civic embarrassment, you're not alone.

Bus ads from the Free Thought Association of Canada declaring, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life," which have run on buses in Toronto and Calgary, were deemed too hot for Ottawa by OC Transpo.

Sure, there's issue to be taken, like the use of the word "probably." I mean, are these people atheists or aren't they? And, failing cer-

tainty, by what calculation did they decide that there was probably, as opposed to maybe, no God? Furthermore, how should the existence or non-existence of God affect one's levels of worry or enjoyment?

So many questions, but that's the point. The ads make you think, and OC Transpo, it turns out, has a policy against that. It's curious that public spaces like the sides of our buses can be rented out to shill any product, but once the ads start offering up ideas, the

authorities must be alerted.

David Harrison of Bus Stop Bible Study, who got approval from OC Transpo to place ads with Bible quotes on buses, questioned why the non-believers shouldn't have the same access, and this week the sign outside downtown Dominion-Chalmers United Church read, "There is a God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life."

Steve Collins lives, writes and walks in Ottawa.



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Business

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Federal green plan wastes funds: Report

The federal government has been accused of not spending enough money on renewable sources of energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Now a report from the C.D. Howe Institute argues more than half of the dollars that Ottawa has committed to "green" energy is being wasted on ineffective programs.

The study says the Conservatives, through their \$4.5-billion EcoEnergy program, are "over-investing" taxpayers' money on low-impact initiatives that support biofuels, such as ethanol, but giving short shrift to approaches that would offer the biggest reduction in greenhouse gas-

Did you know?

- Emissions from fossil fuel-based thermal sources currently represent at least 30 per cent of Canada's emissions.

es at the lowest cost.

"The least-efficient technologies are heavily subsidized, while the most cost-effective technologies receive limited support," according to authors Roger Samson and Stephanie Bailey Stamler, both from the independent bioenergy research organization REAP-Canada.

Attempts to reduce emissions through transporta-

tion fuels have so far proven a loser, they found. Singling out biofuels, they concluded that every ton of carbon dioxide reduced through the use of ethanol fetches a government subsidy of between \$295 and \$430.

By comparison, a subsidy of \$30 to \$60 can achieve an equivalent reduction in carbon dioxide when the money is used to generate electricity from wind, biomass and biogas, or supply heat using solar technologies.

The lowest cost subsidy with the biggest impact, by far, is energy retrofits of homes and buildings, the report found.

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Canadians paying less for vehicles

SALES Canadians paid less for new vehicles in 2008 for the second consecutive year because of a shift to smaller models and an extremely competitive marketplace, according to Statistics Canada data.

The average transaction price for a car dipped 0.7 per cent, or about \$190, to \$25,107, while the tag for trucks including medium- and heavy-duty models dropped 2.1 per cent, or about \$790, to \$37,480, the data showed.

Analyst Dennis DesRosiers said consumers moved to cars, particularly entry-level models, last year because of soaring fuel costs, and that kept auto prices down.

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Report: Rams franchise Canadian Atogwe
According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis Rams have placed the franchise tag on defensive back O.J. Atogwe, left. The Windsor, Ont., native was tabbed a "non-exclusive" franchise player and Atogwe has the ability to negotiate with other teams. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Sedins slap Sens

NHL RESULT**Canucks 5 Senators 2**

THE SKINNY: The Senators played their first home game in 12 days after a successful five-game road trip but ended up being dumped by Vancouver at Scotiabank Place.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Henrik and Daniel Sedin combined for six points in the Canucks victory.

CANUCKED: Ottawa has not beaten the Canucks since a 2-1 road win on March 13, 2004.

SEVEN STRAIGHT: Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo has now won seven straight



Daniel Sedin watches a point shot go into the back of the net behind Brian Elliott on Thursday.

games.

THE ROAD TRIP: Chris Kelly suited up in his 300th game for the Senators Thursday night.

THE NEXT GAME: The Senators take on the Canadiens in Montreal on Saturday afternoon.

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Francis likely out for season

Canadian left-hander Jeff Francis will have exploratory surgery on his pitching shoulder next week and the Colorado Rockies pitcher expects to miss the entire 2009 season. The North Delta, B.C., native expects rehabilitation to take six months to a year. Francis was 4-10 with a 5.01 ERA last season before being shut down with the shoulder trouble.

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Think about this trade for a minute

TheHockeyNews

Ken Campbell

thehockeynews.com

If a 5-2-2 record under new coach Cory Clouston has you thinking about the playoffs, dispense with that silly thought immediately.

Let's put it into perspective, here. Under Clouston, the Senators had a .750 winning percentage going into last night's game against the Vancouver Canucks. In order to get the 94 points that was required to make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference last season, the Senators would have to play at a .788 clip for their final 26 games.

So it's still all about the future and what the Senators can do at the trade deadline to position themselves for a better one. In the (shameless plug) Feb. 23 edition of The Hockey News, we think we have the perfect plan.

In that issue, we out-

lined a number of trades we thought would make sense at the deadline. One of them — and remember we're not suggesting it will happen, but it should — would be to send Jason Spezza and Chris Phillips to the Florida Panthers in exchange for defenceman Jay Bouwmeester and centre Stephen Weiss.

It would not help the Senators make the playoffs this season, but it makes a lot of sense on a number of fronts.

Weiss is the same age as Spezza and is under con-

tract for another four seasons for almost \$4 million less than Spezza.

Giving up Spezza and Phillips might encourage the Panthers to trade Bouwmeester, who has made it pretty clear he won't be back with the Panthers next season.

And here's the best part. Even if they fail to re-sign Bouwmeester, they'd be freeing up an enormous amount of salary cap room and get out from under at least one of their oppressive long-term contracts entering a period when the salary cap is sure to go down, not up.

It would be a palatable trade for Florida to make because the Panthers would be receiving in return for Bouwmeester NHL-calibre players who could help them this season as they make a run for the playoffs.

In Weiss, the Senators would get a lower-case Spezza for a lower price. If they re-sign Bouwmeester, they have a young defenceman who is on an upward trajectory and if not, they have the money and cap room to go fill some of their gaping holes in unrestricted free agency.

See?

It all makes sense.

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Sports in brief

GOLF Tiger Woods has committed to compete in next week's World Golf Championship-Accenture Match Play Championship according to his website. Woods has not played since defeating Rocco Mediate in last year's U.S. Open. Later that week, Woods had surgery on his left leg and has been unable to compete since. "I'm now ready to play again," Woods said. The Accenture Match Play starts Wednesday and runs through Sunday.

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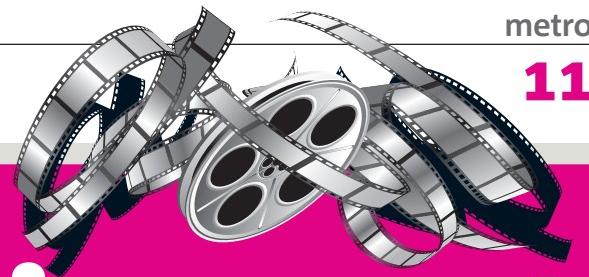
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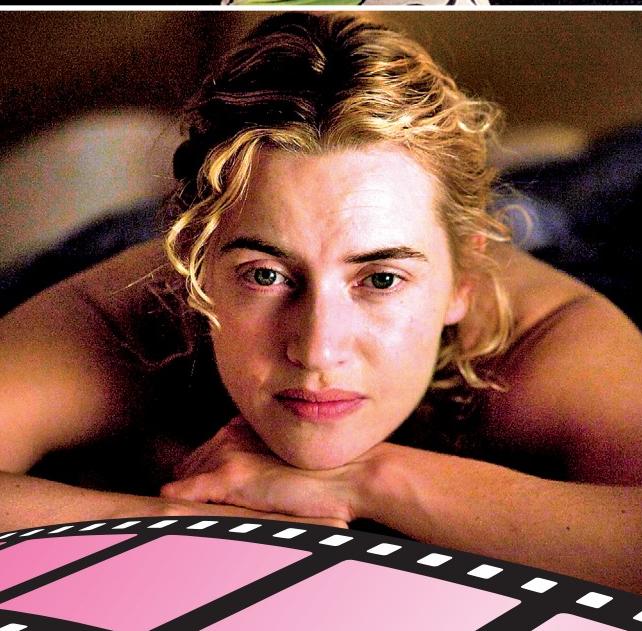
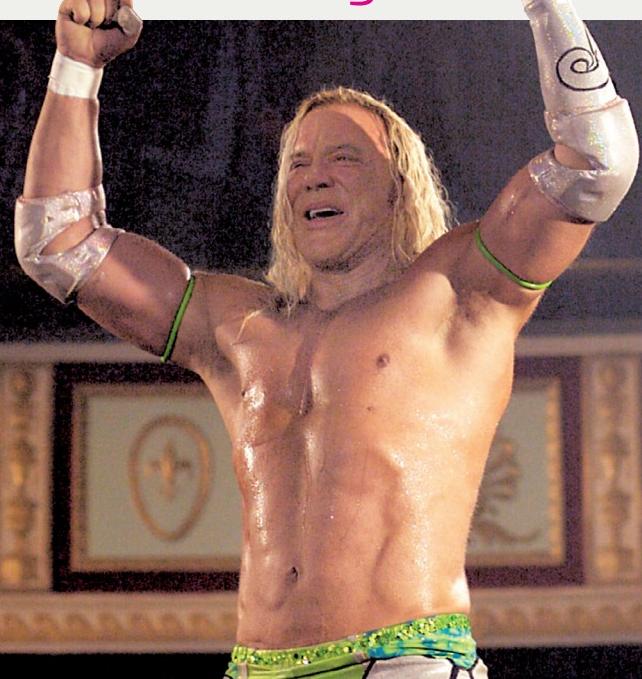
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Movies & Entertainment

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Movies**Oscar race**

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Will Angelina Jolie or Kate Winslet win a golden statue for their roles in *Changeling* or *The Reader* respectively? And will the Hollywood comeback be completed by the previously maligned Mickey Rourke? Perhaps Frank Langella will surprise a few with an Oscar for his performance in *Frost/Nixon*? Be sure to check out our pre-Academy Awards coverage for Metro's picks.



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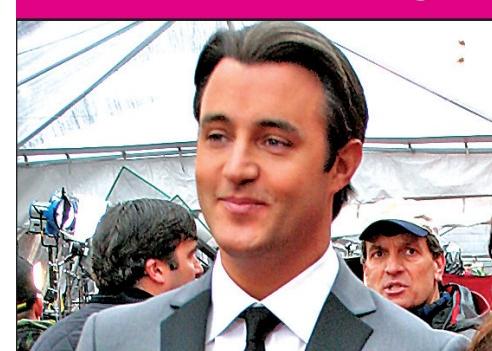
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Alan Cross dishes on the best and worst Oscar songs.

Television

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Read about some of Ben Mulroney's red carpet goofs.

7th Heaven

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Duffy tops the BRIT Awards, takes home three trophies.

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TV times

The 81st Annual Academy Awards main show airs live Sunday on CTV at 8:30 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★ GOOD; ★ FAIR; ● POOR

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(Clockwise from top left) Danny Boyle, director of multiple-nominee Slumdog Millionaire, shares a moment with the film's stars; Brad Pitt has a best actor nomination for The Curious Case of Benjamin Button; Israel's unique take on war, Waltz with Bashir, is a front-runner in the foreign film race; Man on Wire will be the film to beat in the documentary feature category; and Meryl Streep earned her 15th Oscar nod for her portrayal of a hard-nosed nun in Doubt.

The Oscar goes to ...

Metro film critics make their picks for top categories

Will it be the year of the Slumdog or will Button sew it up when Hollywood rolls out the red carpet for its biggest night Sunday?
Metro's movie experts — Richard Crouse, Steve Gow and Chris Alexander — choose their favourites for what appears to be a tight race for Oscar glory:

BEST PICTURE

Crouse: All signs seem to be pointing to Slumdog Millionaire taking home the award. It's the little movie that could; a film that almost went straight to DVD, that has gone on to prove the old Hollywood maxim that nobody can predict what is going to become a hit.

Gow: If Slumdog doesn't lose its momentum, it's a no-brainer to take top prize. However, you can't discount Benjamin Button — Hollywood loves Pitt, David Fincher and these kinds of heart-tugging epics.

Alexander: I think, outside of The Wrestler, my favorite film of the year, I have to say that I enjoyed Frost/Nixon the most. So if a movie is to measured by how much an individual is entertained by it, I say ... give it to Frost/Nixon.

BEST DIRECTOR

Crouse: I'd be surprised if Danny Boyle doesn't win. Most of the other directors are multiple nominees but this seems to be Slumdog's year.

Gow: It would be great to see Boyle take this. After all, not only did he make this gorgeous movie in the slums of India, but used an unknown cast as well.

Alexander: Go, David Fincher, go ... you've finally made a movie whose heart and soul matches your technical expertise. Keep it up.

BEST ACTOR

Crouse: Everybody loves a

Metro staff Oscar picks

We did a little Oscar voting of our own around the office. Here are the results:

BEST PICTURE

Slumdog Millionaire

BEST DIRECTOR

David Fincher

BEST ACTOR

Mickey Rourke

BEST ACTRESS

Kate Winslet

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Heath Ledger

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Taraji P. Henson

comeback, so Mickey Rourke's raw performance in The Wrestler will likely take this category, although for my money the best performance of the year was Frank Langella as Nixon in Frost/Nixon.

Gow: This is a tough category — Rourke, Langella and Sean Penn are all worthy opponents but as much as this has been the year of the comeback, I'm going with Sean Penn.

Alexander: I have been a staunch supporter of Mickey Rourke since I first saw him take that elevator ride to Hell back in 1987's Angel Heart, so it's a personal vindication to see Hollywood fall at his freakish feet.

BEST ACTRESS

Crouse: Kate Winslet — or Kate Wins-a-lot as I like to call her — has pretty much ruled this category so far this year, but I think the award should go to Meryl Streep in Doubt.

Alexander: Give me Angelina or give me death. I simply adored her in Changeling.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Crouse: This is Heath

The 81st Annual Academy Awards

Ledger's year and not because he died tragically, but because he deserves it. His take on The Joker in The Dark Knight was exciting, fun and the best thing in the movie.

Gow: Um, you were considering somebody else (other than Ledger)?

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Crouse: This should go to Viola Davis. With just five minutes of screen time in Doubt she created an unforgettable character that elevated the entire picture.

Gow: As much as I would love to see Marisa Tomei win this category, I am fairly certain Penelope Cruz will win voters' hearts.

Your Oscar list

Want to test your Oscar prediction skills? Check off your picks from the list of nominees and find out who wins Sunday:

Best Picture

- ❑ The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- ❑ Frost/Nixon
- ❑ Milk
- ❑ The Reader
- ❑ Slumdog Millionaire.

Best Actor

- ❑ Richard Jenkins, The Visitor
- ❑ Frank Langella, Frost/Nixon
- ❑ Sean Penn, Milk
- ❑ Brad Pitt, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- ❑ Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler.

Best Actress

- ❑ Anne Hathaway, Rachel Getting Married
- ❑ Angelina Jolie, Changeling
- ❑ Melissa Leo, Frozen River
- ❑ Meryl Streep, Doubt
- ❑ Kate Winslet, The Reader

Best Supporting Actor

- ❑ Josh Brolin, Milk
- ❑ Robert Downey Jr., Tropic Thunder
- ❑ Philip Seymour Hoffman, Doubt
- ❑ Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight
- ❑ Michael Shannon, Revolutionary Road

Best Supporting Actress

- ❑ Amy Adams, Doubt
- ❑ Penelope Cruz, Vicky Cristina Barcelona
- ❑ Viola Davis, Doubt
- ❑ Taraji P. Henson, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- ❑ Marisa Tomei, The Wrestler.

Best Director

- ❑ David Fincher, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- ❑ Ron Howard, Frost/Nixon
- ❑ Gus Van Sant, Milk
- ❑ Stephen Daldry, The Reader
- ❑ Danny Boyle, Slumdog Millionaire

Best Animated Feature

- ❑ Bolt
- ❑ Kung-Fu Panda
- ❑ WALL-E.

Best Foreign Language Film

- ❑ The Baader Meinhof Complex (Germany)
- ❑ The Class (France)
- ❑ Departures (Japan)
- ❑ Revanche (Austria)
- ❑ Waltz with Bashir (Israel)

Best Adapted Screenplay

- ❑ Eric Roth and Robin Swicord, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- ❑ John Patrick Shanley, Doubt; Peter Morgan, Frost/Nixon
- ❑ David Hare, The Reader
- ❑ Simon Beaufoy, Slumdog Millionaire

Best Original Screenplay

- ❑ Courtney Hunt, Frozen River
- ❑ Mike Leigh, Happy-Go-Lucky
- ❑ Martin McDonagh, In Bruges
- ❑ Dustin Lance Black, Milk
- ❑ Andrew Stanton, Jim Reardon and Pete Docter, WALL-E.

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Oscar loss may be blessing in disguise



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CAREER Hollywood stars should be careful what they wish for when they hit the campaign circuit in hopes of snagging an Oscar.

It's a stretch to talk about an Oscar curse, but past winners such as Nicole Kidman, Renée Zell-

weger, Halle Berry, Adrien Brody, Hilary Swank and Cuba Gooding, Jr. have not cleaned up at the box office in years.

Put it another way: If your name is not called out at the 81st annual Academy Awards Sunday, maybe

you can breathe a sigh of relief.

Kidman won an Oscar for 2002's The Hours, but has never headlined a big hit. The actress starred in last year's big Oscar hopeful Australia, which failed to dig up any commercial

or awards gold.

Since winning her Oscar for a supporting role in 2003's Cold Mountain, Zellweger's career went cold with such films as Cinderella Man and Leatherheads.

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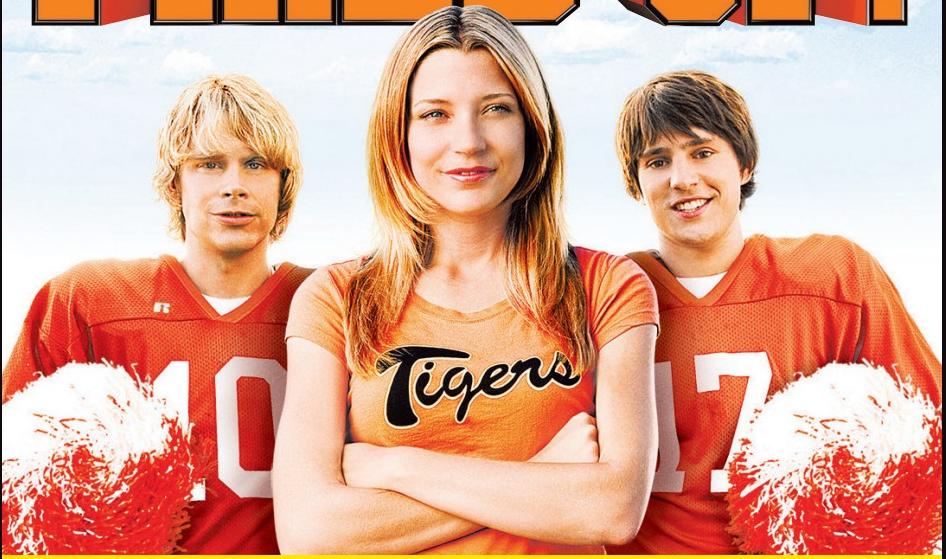
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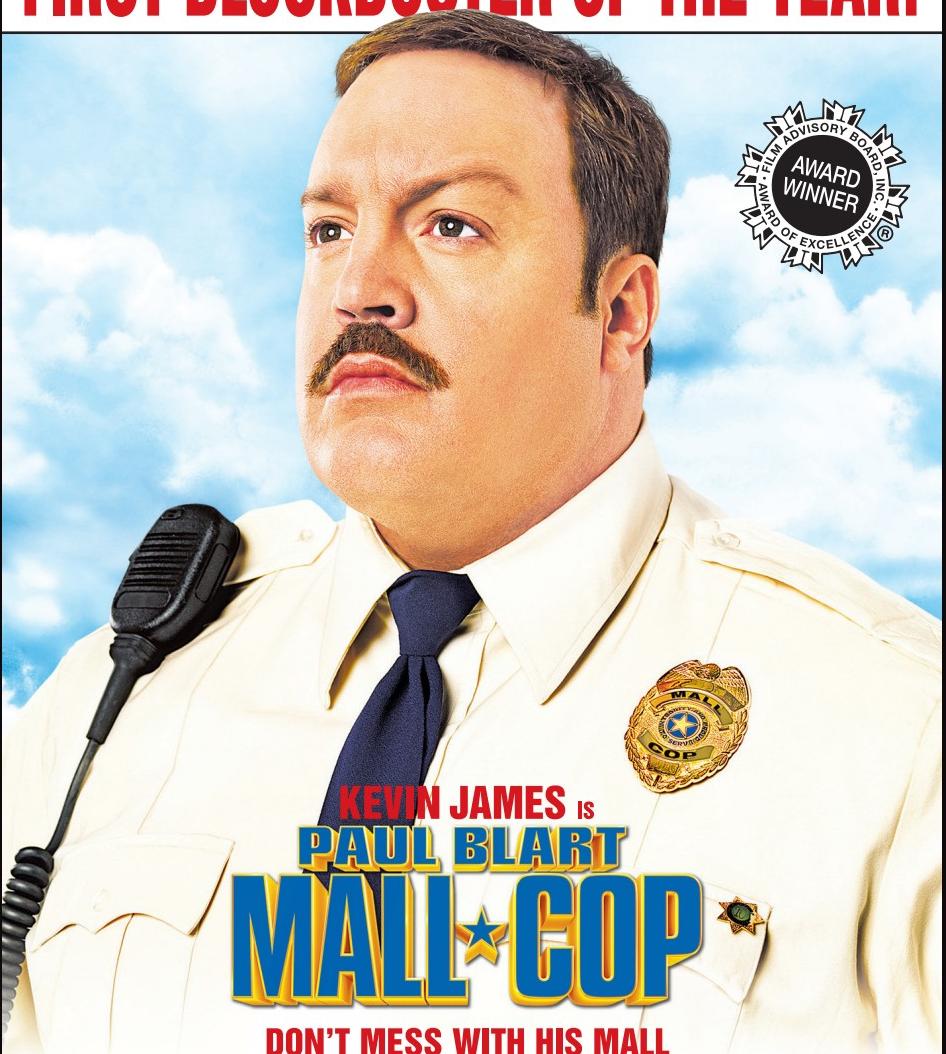


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Don't mess with Oscar speeches, say readers

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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It seems everyone has a favorite Oscar speech. Last week I wrote a column suggesting four ways to streamline the speeches and give the behemoth Academy Awards broadcast some forward momentum. The response from readers indicates the speeches are one element of the show they would rather not see tampered with. Cut the musical numbers, shorten the opening monologue, kill the Price Waterhouse tribute — but don't mess with the speeches. "The Academy Awards are about four things," wrote Andrea from Toronto. "The shoes, the dresses, the jewelry and the speeches."

It's funny, I thought they were about the movies, but then again, the red carpet's "glam cams" before the ceremony get more eyeballs than the show itself, so I guess Andrea has a point.

Some like emotional speeches. Gary in Halifax says his favorite Oscar moment came when Russell Crowe accepted best actor for *Gladiator*. "If you grow up in the suburbs of anywhere," the actor said, wearing his grandfather's MBE on his lapel. "A dream like this seems kind of vaguely ludicrous and completely unattainable, but this moment is directly connected to those imaginings. And for anybody who's on the downside of advantage, and relying purely on courage, it's possible."

Others said they liked funny speeches. Brian in Toronto wondered which Oscar acceptance speeches made me laugh. I immediately thought of Geoffrey Rush, who accepted the best actor award for *Shine* with the words, "This is for all the people who were happy to bankroll the film as long as I wasn't in it," but settled on Paul Williams, the five-foot-two Best Song winner who said, "I was going to thank all the little people, but then I remembered I am the little people!"

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel.

Fockers sequel making way

Meet The Little Fockers is moving ahead at last, with Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Robert De Niro set to return to the fold and John Hamburg working on the script. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Fired Up but misguided

Fired Up

Director: Will Gluck
Stars: Nicholas D'Agosto, Eric Christian Olsen
Classification: PG
Rating: 1/2

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There isn't much new to get fired up about in Fired Up. Sure, it's a teen comedy with plenty of innuendo, eye-catching cuties and huge over-the-top performances, but then, what else would you expect from a film that presumes a pick-up line like "do you like canopy beds" might actually work?

Nicholas D'Agosto and Eric Christian Olsen star as two sex-obsessed high school football stars that spend summer vacation at cheer camp with the sole goal of scoring as many pom-pom princesses as possible. Once there, they encounter the typical



Nicholas D'Agosto, left, and Eric Christian Olsen star in the teen comedy Fired Up.

mélange of comic misfits: The resistant head cheerleader; her rich, insolent boyfriend; the gay neat-freak bunkmate; the sexy thirtysomething coach and a meek nerdy girl who tries to dampen outlandish statements like "I want to cut the blond one" by saying, "I'm just sayin'."

The truth is, Fired Up is entertaining but it may not satisfy most moviegoers anticipating more visual

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raunch. The most surprising aspect about this comedy are the film's snappy, rapid-fire zingers and clever, acute references that nod to John Lennon and Spencer Tracy which may ultimately alienate the younger audience it

will undoubtedly attract.

Written by Freedom Jones which, judging from the dialogue, may actually be a pseudonym for a syndicate of witty 40-something sitcom scribes, Fired Up isn't disappointing inasmuch as it's misguided. After all, this is a sex comedy for teens; if the characters don't get the references they themselves are uttering, how will its prospective audience? Hey, I'm just sayin'.

A revolutionary tale

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

One of the most divisive movies to play the festival circuit last year was Steven Soderbergh's 4.5-hour biopic of T-shirt icon Che Guevara starring Benicio Del Toro.

The massive film was impossible to ignore, but some felt the butt-numbing length too much to take and were unable to appreciate the subtle character examination that the film provides. However, the filmmakers themselves are unapologetic for Che's length, saying it's what this epic story demanded.

"My attitude at the end of the day is that some books are 180 pages and some books are 650 pages. Every once in a while if you're going to do any sort of detail you just have to do it this long," Soderbergh told the press at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The project was in development for years with all the major players attached. It was a difficult undertaking, but one that the director and star found impossible to resist, even if they weren't particularly familiar with the subject matter.

"I knew a little about



Benicio Del Toro plays the controversial icon in Che.

Movie feature

Why is this iconic image still plastered on everything from tote bags to coffee mugs to beer bottles? Why 40 years after this guy's death is this image still resonating, even when people don't know what it represents? It was an opportunity for us to understand as much as anything."

The film probes the motivations and actions that made Guevara famous, but never sentimentalizes or aggrandizes the controversial figure. The film, which is now in two parts — the first of which opens in Ottawa next Friday — simply isolates his triumphant revolution in Cuba along with his failed revolution in Bolivia to show how easily the techniques and ideals that served him so well could fail without the right circumstances. It's a complicated portrayal that provides no easy answers, but there was no better way to tell such a difficult tale.

"I had a feeling even at the beginning that it was going to be difficult. But I felt like when these sort of opportunities present themselves, if you say 'No' then I don't know what you're doing making films."

However, Soderbergh and Del Toro's lack of familiarity turned out to be a virtue, as discovering who Che was and why he is so important became the subject of the film.

As Del Toro put it, "I like to quote what Steven said to me when we started. I was like a deer in the headlights and he said, 'It's impossible to play him or to do this film. But we can try.'

According to the director, "The bottom line is that we wanted to know, like a lot of people 'Why?'

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Director's touch transforms Destiny

Stone of Destiny

Director: Charles Martin Smith
Stars: Robert Carlyle, Charlie Cox, Billy Boyd
Classification: PG
Rating: 1/2

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Like Slumdog Millionaire this past fall, Stone of Destiny takes a typical Hollywood narrative (the heist flick in this case) and transposes it to an exotic location (post-WWII Scotland).

Based on the book written by the film's protagonist Ian Hamilton, Stone of Destiny follows a group of young Scottish nationalists in their quest to retake the titular rock; Scottish kings were crowned on the stone until it was stolen by the English in the 13th century. British monarchs have

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since used it for their own coronations, thereby making the English king, the king of Scotland as well.

Ian (Charlie Cox) believes that reclaiming the stone will rally the Scottish people around his group's cause. He enlists the help of friend Bill (Billy Boyd) and John MacCormick (Robert Carlyle), a professor and head of the Scottish independence movement to hatch a plan for its retrieval.

That the group recaptures the Stone and returns it to Scotland is both a historical and narrative inevitability. So the challenge for director Charles Martin Smith (The Snow Walker) is to suck viewers into the world he's created, something he accomplishes quite handily.

"A SHOPPING BAG FULL OF LAUGHS!"

Rosey Edeh, ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT CANADA



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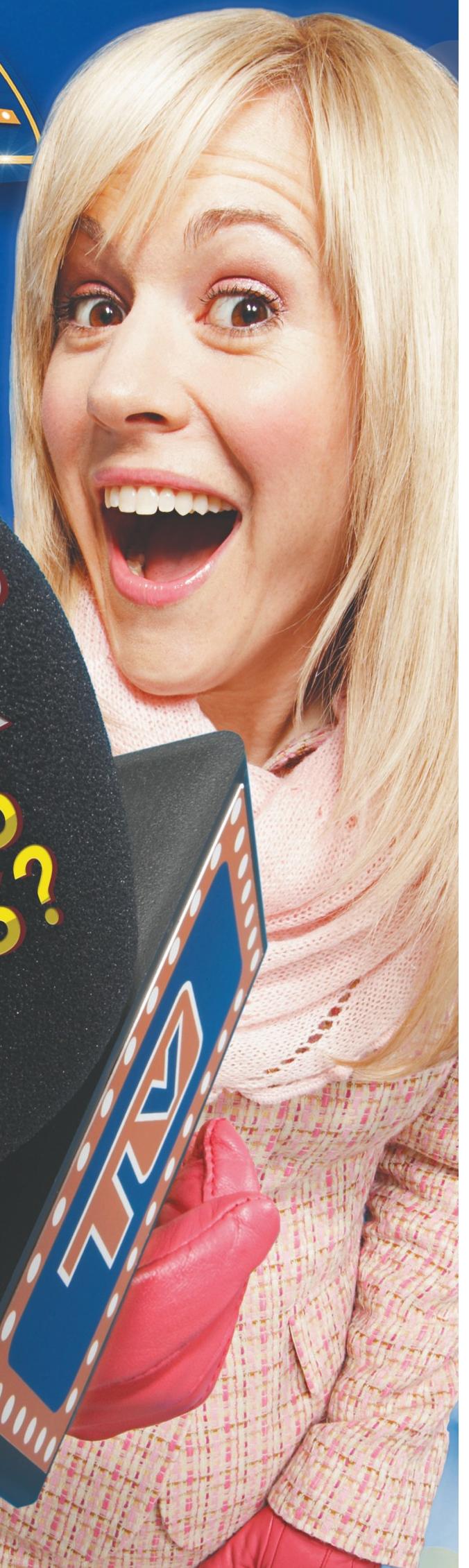
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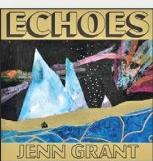
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The Goddess of winter

Emm Gryner's latest disc draws on uniquely Canadian seasonal themes

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



Once upon a time, Emm Gryner didn't have to deal with winter.

The Sarnia, Ont.-born singer-songwriter's 13-year career has seen her take up residence in locales like New York and sunny Los Angeles where the bitter ice and snow don't quite fall like in her native Ontario.

But given the choice,

Gryner would sooner remain stationed in the small town outside Stratford, Ont., she now calls home instead of such over-hyped havens of musical bustle.

"I like being able to have this small town as a base," she says. "I'd be hesitant to leave that or be on the road all the time or trade it for something a little bit bigger."

Trading it would necessitate swapping those seasonal aspects she's become so accustomed to. "It really defines us as Canadians," she says, "the fact that we spend six months of our lives in this kind of a climate." And on her eleventh studio album Goddess, it's that motif of winter that seems to underlie the often-bombastic blizzard of sounds on the record.

While Gryner didn't really intend Goddess to be a "winter" album, she too acknowledges the theme's apparent recurrence and says many of the songs were written amid the wind and snow marking the last few months.

The record does, at least, reflect winter's bleak, dejected reputation. "I just kind of felt like doing something a little more minor, with a few more minor keys, and a bit

meatier," she says. Further, many of Goddess' songs are very personal, says Gryner, and the album divulges some of the sadder experiences she encountered when coming to grips with her life. "It's a really chilling risk to take to step out into the cold and kind of reveal yourself."

It's also risky to attempt creating any record completely by yourself. But because of the album's introspective nature, Gryner opted to self-produce all components of Goddess.

"I always enjoy records that the artist has produced because you know exactly that that's the way they wanted to communicate the songs," she says. "Because I recorded it and I produced it, it retains a little bit of that intimate 'I did this at my house' kind of vibe."

But Gryner doesn't plan to abandon the studio. Later this year, she will impressively release a second album of new material, this one recorded in Los Angeles, a "sunny, happy major key album" that is, per Gryner, "completely the opposite of Goddess."

"I keep writing so much. For myself, I need to put things out or else I don't really move forward as a creative person."

Duffy tops BRIT pop awards, Coldplay shut out

AWARDS Welsh singer Duffy topped the BRITs on Wednesday with three awards including the coveted best album prize for Rockferry, while English rockers Coldplay were left in the cold with no wins from four nominations.

The prizes seal a remarkable debut for Duffy, a relative unknown just a year ago. Rockferry was Britain's top-selling album of 2008 and worldwide sales are close to five million.

The 24-year-old, who won a pop vocal album Grammy in the United States 10 days ago, also scooped BRITs for British female and British breakthrough act.

"I can't tell you what this means after five years," a tearful Duffy told thousands of fans at London's Earls Court after receiving her third prize.

Both Duffy and Coldplay,

who performed their single Viva La Vida at the ceremony, were nominated for four awards.

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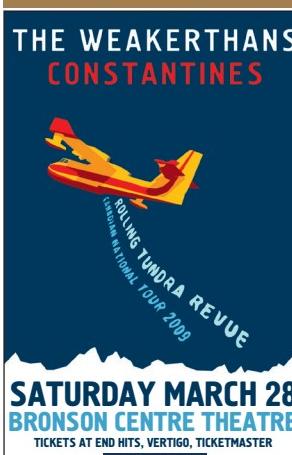
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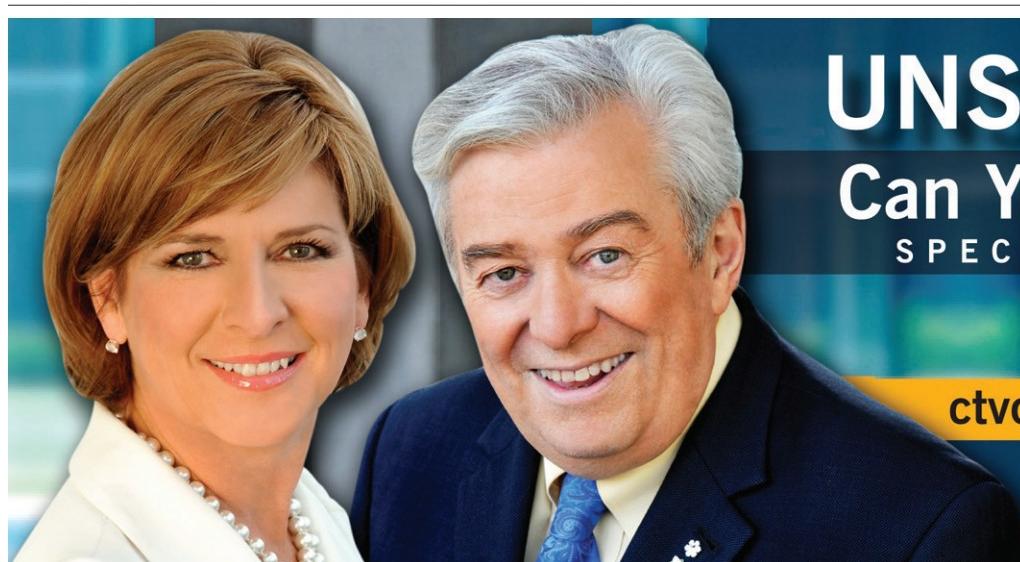
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Oscar cuts short best songs

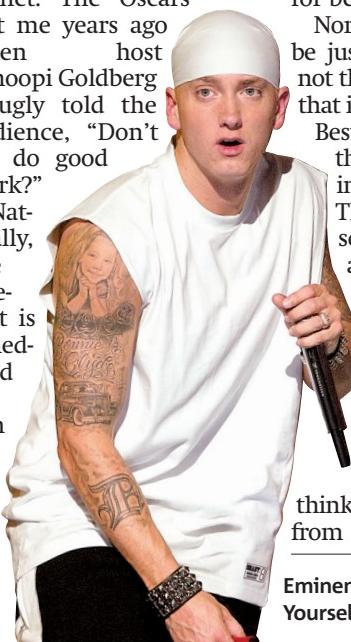
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Awards show season reaches its peak Sunday night with the 81st Academy Awards ceremony where Oscars aplenty will be handed out by and to some of the most self-important pieces of puffery on the planet. The Oscars lost me years ago when host Whoopi Goldberg smugly told the audience, "Don't we do good work?"

Naturally, the telecast is scheduled to run



three-and-a-half hours (Optimistic? Or delusional?), but will most likely stretch much longer, which means diehards on eastern time won't get to bed until it's way too late.

This, despite the producers' annual vow to shorten things up. Winners are given the hook after 45 seconds. The gawdawful interpretive dance numbers that no one liked were cut. The second hour is no longer about categories that only industry wonks care about. And they've cut the time given to the performances by nominees for best original song.

Normally, this wouldn't be just a bad thing — but not this year. I'll get back to that in a second.

Best original song is one of the oldest awards, dating back to 1934 when The Continental scooped a trophy for its appearance in *The Gay Divorcee*. From that moment, the Academy has had a (mostly) tin ear for picking good songs. There's been a bias towards Disney ditties and syrupy love songs — think *My Heart Will Go On* from *Titanic* (1997). Occa-

Eminem won the Oscar for *Lose Yourself* in 2002. GETTY IMAGES

sionally they got it right. Think Eminem and *Lose Yourself* in 2002, and Bruce Springsteen for *Streets of Philadelphia* in 1993.

The rest of the list consists of song that are, in my opinion, twee, lightweight, dated and otherwise ignominious. (*Last Dance* from *Thank God It's Friday*, anyone? Look it up!)

This year, there are just three best original song nominees. But in the interests of saving time, they're

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going to be condensed into a medley with each getting just 65 seconds. Peter Gabriel, the co-writer of *Down to Earth* from *Wall-E* will have none of this, so he's refusing to perform. Meanwhile, the other two songs are from *Slumdog Millionaire*, one of which

is co-written by rapper M.I.A. She probably won't be there, either, because she became a mother last week, just a couple of days after performing at the Grammys. Apparently, organizers are so desperate for her to perform that they've offered her a bed so she can sing lying down. Even I'd stay up for that.

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Kanye West
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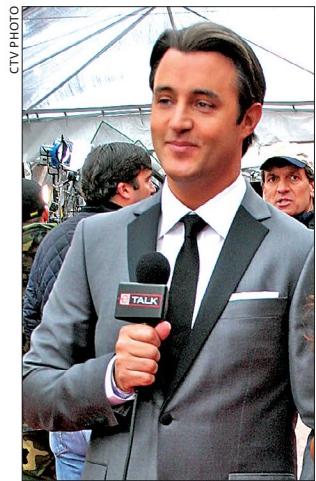
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American Idol runner-up-turned-actress Katharine McPhee is set to play a singer. McPhee, who costarred in *The House Bunny*, has been tapped for a visit to CSI: NY, according to The Hollywood Reporter. TVGUIDE.COM

Television



etalk's Ben Mulroney will cover the Oscars this Sunday.

Ben talks red carpet coverage

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



What's one of the stupidest things Ben Mulroney has ever done on the red carpet?

It was at last year's Oscars with Julian Schnabel, director of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*.

"I don't know how I forgot or why I forgot, but I forgot to say hello and ask the name of his wife," said the

affable television host.

American artist and director Schnabel would not entertain any of Mulroney's questions until he recognized his mistake.

"It felt like forever, it might have been 20 seconds, but it felt like a very long time while he just stood there and stared at me," he said with a sheepish chuckle, recalling the awkward moment.

The Academy Awards red

carpet event, the biggest and most widely televised of all, is chock full of opportunities for even the coolest cats in front of the camera to make mistakes.

But that's one of the things Mulroney, who will again be CTV's front man at the 81st annual event Sunday, says he likes best about going live.

"I think you should show off that carpet in all of its crazy glory," he said.

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Once the actors start rolling in, Mulroney said, nerves give way to adrenaline and it's a bit of a whirlwind. He often doesn't remember who he's talked to until after the event because he's so focused on trying to ask the right questions including, of course, 'Who are you wearing?'

• Coverage of the red carpet will begin Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. on CTV.

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	196 311 7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Flashpoint (HDTV)		Raising the Bar (N)	News (N)		
	208 303 8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National	The Hour			
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	- 361 20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Wife Swap		Supernanny (N)		20/20	News (N)		
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	211 331 3	GTV	Currents: Breaking Ranks		Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc "Welcome to NY"		Doc "Safety First"		News (N)		
	209 342 6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea						Comedy Now	Awards	News (N)		
	196 311 7	CTV	W-FIVE (N)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order "Sweetie"		News (N)		
	208 303 8	CBC	NHL Hockey	Vancouver Canucks at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)				NHL Hockey: Flames at Oilers					
	- 360 9	NBC	Peter's Pr.	Wheel-Fortune		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order "Sweetie"		News (N)		
	- 362 13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider (N)	Without a Trace (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)	CSI: NY			
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	218 345 18	E!	Chef School	E News	Obituary (2006, Suspense) Josie Bissett.		Show Yours	G-Spot					
	- 361 20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Scrubs	Hitch ★★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy) (HDTV) Will Smith, Eva Mendes.							
	- 365 36	FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)					
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	406 417 27	net	English Premier League Soccer	Arsenal vs. Sunderland.		Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson (HDTV)							
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	400 280 30	TSN	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series - Stater Bros. 300. (HDTV) (Live)				Curling: Scotties Tournament of Hearts					
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	616 521 39	SHO	Mutant X		The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama) Sara Paxton.			Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy					
	520 505 42	DIS	Cash Cab (N)	Blast! (N)			Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Guinea Pig (N)		
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Walsh may return to Grey's

Katherine Heigl and T.R. Knight may be leaving Grey's Anatomy — but there's one star who could be coming back. Kate Walsh hinted, "I might," when she was asked by Us Magazine. USMAGAZINE.COM

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The Oscars At The Mayfair

When: Sunday, 7:15 p.m.
Where: Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank St.

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**Jilly Black**

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Snowbowl, Rideau Canal Skateway

The country's queen of soul and R&B heats up a winter night with her sultry voice. This Winterlude event is free.

The Vagina Monologues

When: Friday & Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Ave.

Ottawa V-Day stages a benefit production of Eve Ensler's play, with proceeds to the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa and the women of the DRC. Tickets \$25 at the door. Visit ottawavday.ca.

Oscar Party

When: Sunday, 7 p.m.
Where: The Lookout Bar, 41 York St.

Enjoy the lavish awards ceremony, and guess the winners with a \$5 voting card. Proceeds split between Capital Pride and the winner with the most correct answers. Visit thelookoutbar.com.

Modernboys Moderngirls

When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St.

Gritty Toronto rockers Modernboys Moderngirls play with help from The Centretown Cripplers and The Montelongos in this special I (Heart) Music show. Tickets \$6 at ticketweb.com.

In brief

TV In advance of the 81st annual Academy Awards, catch CTV's new In Fashion episode devoted to trends you may see on the year's red carpet. It will be followed by a new episode of Fashion Television. Then etalk's Red Carpet special, with Kim and co-host Ben Mulroney begins at 6 p.m. Following the etalk special, Good Morning America's Robin Roberts will host the red carpet arrivals show live from Hollywood.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**1 The '80s look**

FASHION Shoulder pads are back. So are the Robert Palmer-style second skin dresses, dark lipstick and, yes, acid-wash jeans. Reagan-era chic was big with designers Marc Jacobs, Donna Karan, Alexander Wang, Diane von Furstenberg and others as they unveiled their new collections at New York Fashion Week.

**4 Morrissey, Years of Refusal**

ALBUM The Moz is angry and that's a good thing. In Refusal, the king of mope rock rages and rants against the backdrop of a tightly-honed garage band, giving us probably his most vital album since the mid-'90s' Vauxhall and I.

2 Oscars

TV Time to get the Oscar pool going and stack up the popcorn — Hollywood's biggest night is upon us. Other than the usual red carpet fanfare and onstage theatrics, the Academy's promising several surprises during this year's show (does that mean Slumdog will not win best picture?). Airs Sunday night on CTV.

**5 The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun**

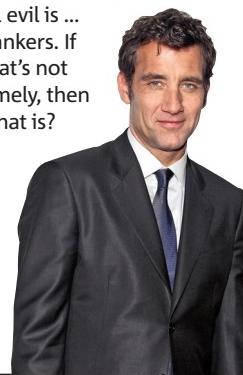
BOOK More fodder for J.R.R. Tolkien fans. Publishers Houghton Mifflin Harcourt announced this week that this thorough reworking of old Norse epics by The Hobbit author will be out this spring.

**3 Duffy**

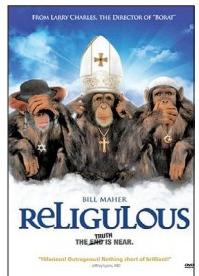
ARTIST It takes a British R&B sensation to send global darlings Coldplay home empty-handed from an awards night. The 24-year-old Welsh singer swept the Brits — the island's Grammy's — Wednesday, winning three awards including the coveted best new album for her 2008 release Rockferry.

6 The International

FILM Forget Osama bin Laden. If this taut thriller (starring Clive Owen and Naomi Watts) is to be believed, the root of all evil is ... bankers. If that's not timely, then what is?

**7 Religulous**

DVD American funny man and rabble rouser Bill Maher collides head-on with all things God in this devilishly entertaining documentary. From the deep American South to Jerusalem, Maher's travels and encounters will make sure you have something to talk about around the office water cooler for days.



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Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart could finally be walking down the aisle — or they may have secretly done so already. The New York Post cites sources that say the two filed the paperwork for a marriage license. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ford and Flockhart to wed?

Celebrity Buzz

Liposuction led to medical mishap for Usher's wife?

HEALTH Usher reportedly had no idea his wife was planning to undergo plastic surgery in Brazil, according to femalefirst.co.uk.

The website is alleging the singer only discovered Tameka Raymond was having liposuction earlier this month when he received a phone call to say his wife was in an induced coma, according to In Touch Weekly magazine.

Usher rushed to the Sao Rafael Hospital in Sao

Paulo, Brazil, after learning Tameka had suffered cardiac and respiratory arrest when she was being anesthetized, it reports.

Tameka was revived with a heart massage from the cardiac arrest in

less than a minute and placed in an induced coma before being moved to the intensive care unit. She was later transferred to Sirio-Libanes Hospital — one of the best in Brazil.

After spending 11 days recovering from the incident, Tameka was finally released from hospital on Monday. A spokeswoman for the hospital refused to elaborate on her health, saying: "We do not have any more information about her condition."

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Busy Jolie-Pitt schedule

FAMILY Before heading back to L.A. for the Oscars this Sunday, Brad Pitt took his boys for a little luck-generating fun in Las Vegas. Pitt was spotted at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino with sons Maddox and Pax, according to People magazine.

Meanwhile, Angelina Jolie kept daughters Zahara and Shiloh entertained in New York while she prepared for her next movie, Salt, which will film there.

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Ellen and Portia preparing for kid?

PEOPLE Ellen DeGeneres and partner Portia de Rossi will undergo fertility treatment to start their own family, femalefirst.co.uk reports a U.S. tabloid as alleging.

DeGeneres recently revealed they were looking to step away from the spotlight and live the quiet life on a farm, once her U.S. talk-show contract ends in 2010, the website adds.

Star magazine claims the couple is planning to

have a biological child — and de Rossi will soon begin in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment.

A source tells the publication, "(de Rossi) is prepared to go through it (IVF) 10 times if she has to. Whatever it takes to get pregnant, she'll do it. She's been changing her eating habits. Her goal is to gain a few pounds before they start the IVF process.

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Solange's pill scare

PEOPLE Beyoncé's younger sister, Solange Knowles, was admitted to a hospital after suffering from an adverse reaction to Vicks NyQuil pills onboard a flight from New York on Tuesday, intouchweekly.com reports.

The incident unfolded in front of fans' eyes as she posted throughout the trip on her twitter.com page. "I think maybe I'm getting high off it because I'm not sleeping," said Solange.

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"I didn't know NyQuil could do this to you." After an unsuccessful attempt to sleep, she added, "think I'm certified loosing it."

Soon, the R&B singer passed out in baggage claim, the website reports. "How'd I end up in the hospital? ... Guess I passed out!" Solange was then hooked up to an IV due to dehydration and low blood pressure. "I'm like still in shock. I've never passed out before."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rihanna's sales up, Brown's down

CAREER Sales of Rihanna's 2007 album, Good Girl Gone Bad, have soared in the wake of her alleged altercation with boyfriend Chris Brown the night before the Grammy Awards, climbing 33 per cent since the incident, according to E! News.

Meanwhile, Brown, whose latest album, Exclusive, continued to fall down the charts, not even registering in Billboard's top 200.

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Nicollette no man-eater

RELATIONSHIP Nicollette Sheridan is "always looking for a man," femalefirst.co.uk reports. Although the Desperate Housewives actress — who split from fiancé Michael Bolton last year — wants to find love, she is only interested in men who will treat her well.

She said: "I'm always looking for a man. But

please, only princes should talk to me."

Sheridan insists she is nothing like her character Edie Britt in the hit show, and doesn't want potential love interests to confuse her with the man-eater. She added to People magazine: "I'm totally different from her, and besides, she'll die next season anyway."

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Wedding bells for Hayden and Rachel?

MARRIAGE Former The O.C. star Rachel Bilson is reportedly set to marry longtime boyfriend Hayden Christensen, though the couple haven't set a date yet. The two were engaged quietly over the holidays, a source told People magazine.

And a spy for Page Six saw the pint-sized actress on an L.A.-bound flight sporting her engagement ring. The eyewitness overheard Bilson tell another passenger, "I'm not married yet, just engaged. I know I look like I'm 15, but I'm actually 27."

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50 Cent tries hand at comedy

CAREER 50 Cent is looking to move into the comedy business, searching out scripts through his production company, according to Contact Music.

The rapper is

reportedly eager to team up with Martin Lawrence and Sean William Scott. 50 Cent most recently starred in Righteous Kill with Robert De Niro and Al Pacino.

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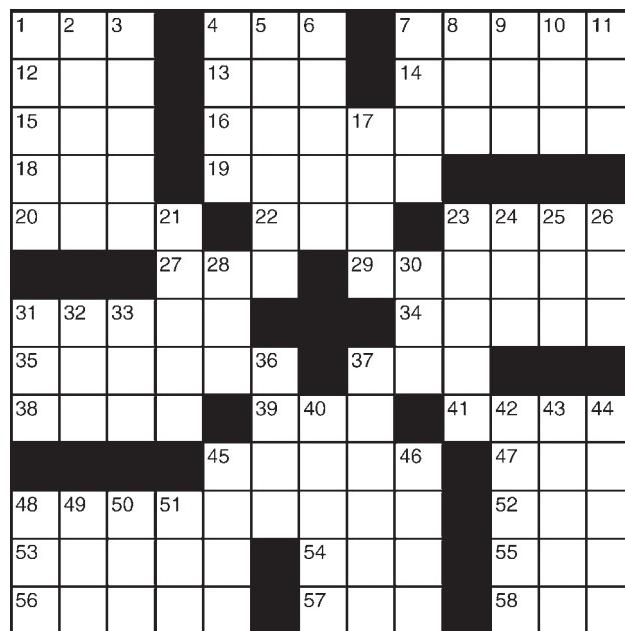
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Crossword across

- 1 Sceptre adornment
4 Spinning meas.
7 First-anniversary gift
12 Sheepish remark?
13 Will Smith biopic
14 Impressive setup
15 Recede
16 Human-lion dragon hybrid
18 Copper head?
19 Villain's look
20 Radiator noise
22 Historic time
23 "Bye Bye Birdie" song
27 Frequently
29 "Deal or No Deal" host
31 Acid type
- 34 Spacious
35 Way
37 Moment
38 Shetland, for one
39 Midafternoon, in a way
41 Beneficent
45 Bread
47 — juice (milk)
48 Woody Allen movie
52 Present topper
53 Wanted-poster datum
54 Time of your life?
55 Work with
56 Furrier's wares
57 Wield a needle
58 Conger or moray

Crossword down

- 1 West Indian magic
2 Synagogue VIP
3 Infants
4 St. Louis squad
5 Mars, e.g.
6 Clementine's dad, e.g.
7 Poker holding
8 Joan of —
9 Expert
10 Anvil site
11 Alternative to white
17 4-Down, e.g.
21 One of the Corleones
23 Rap
24 Altar affirmative
25 Rep. rival
26 Crafty
- 28 Adversary
30 Exist
31 Pump up the volume
32 Long March leader
33 B&B
36 Urban disturbance
37 Stored fodder
40 Teeny bits
42 Dye deeply
43 Sue Grafton's "N"
44 Wooden peg
45 Church service
46 From the start
48 Navigation aid
49 Hearty quaff
50 Zero
51 Chapeau

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17-21 min Smart

21-25 min Not bad

25+ min Keep practising

sugar, coriander, salt, cinnamon, cardamom, and black pepper in small pot. Measure out 1 1/4 tsp (6 ml) of spice mixture and rub into one side of each salmon steak.

2. Add remaining 2 tbsp (25 ml) sugar, mustard seeds, and vinegar to spice mixture in pot, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Add zucchini, bell pepper, and corn, and cook until bell pepper is crisp-tender, about 4 minutes.

3. Place salmon, spice-side down, on grill and cook, without turning, until just done, about 5 minutes. Serve salmon topped with relish.

SERVES 4

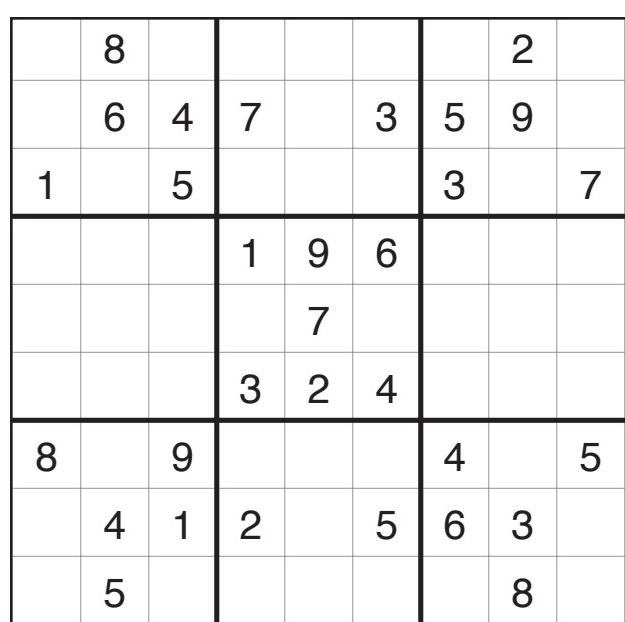
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Horoscopes

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A relative behaves in an extraordinary manner. You can slide over a minor insult without flinching. Someone has played a game and lost.



TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

A blond will lead you out of a dilemma. Someone will back out of a promise. Unforeseen delays must be taken into account.



GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Get to the point with a supervisor. You'll have to ease fears when plans don't work out. Insulting anyone will be a remarkably bad idea.



CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A talented person's partner is out of control. Incomplete messages will cause distress. You'll find a way to go out and play tonight.



LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A distressed female will demand a plan. There'll be shocking news about someone. A social climber wants to know how you feel.



VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Romantic indiscretions are becoming obvious. Don't forget someone because you're in a rush. You can accept an invitation from a social contact.



SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 21

An arrogant friend needs to see a specialist. Your ever reliable help is greatly appreciated. A cheater will try to influence important decisions.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll get gratitude from a satisfied caller. What seems logical to you will irritate others. You'll bite off more than you can chew.



CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

A self-indulgent person will continue to disobey. Tender thoughts will find a place in your heart. Watch out for falling objects.



AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

A member of a club will settle a debate. The people in charge will solve a problem. An unrestrained person will be forced to relax.



PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

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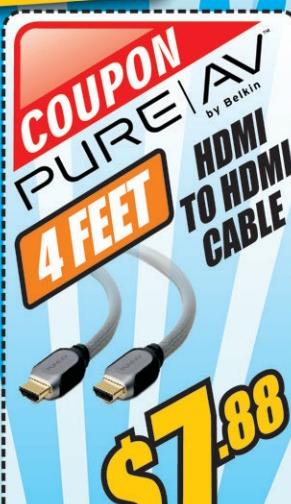
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